IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

May 20, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jones made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 339.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Vance, a soldier in the war of 1812, and also Senate bill No. 339, "granting a pension to Joseph Vance," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

The committee entertain no doubt that the allegations of service. as set forth by the petitioner, are entirely correct; nor have they failed to take notice of the fact that, during the time he was engaged in the service of his country, he manifested a zeal, fortitude, and courage, worthy of the highest commendation. Like a vast number of his co-patriots in the war of 1812, he has arrived at the period of old age with little or nothing of "this world's goods" to cheer his pathway. There is nothing, however, to show, nor, indeed, is it alleged, that he received any wound, or contracted any disease, while in the service, under the disabling effects of which he is now laboring; and the committee are unable to find any good reason for making an exception in his favor above those of his cotemporaries who performed similar service and endured like hardships at the same period in our country's history. They, therefore, report back the bill, with the recommendation that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.